

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**76th Annual Session**  
**OF THE**  
**Mt. Pisgah Baptist**  
**Association.**

Held With the Union Baptist Church Newton County,  
Mississippi, September 20, 21 and 22,

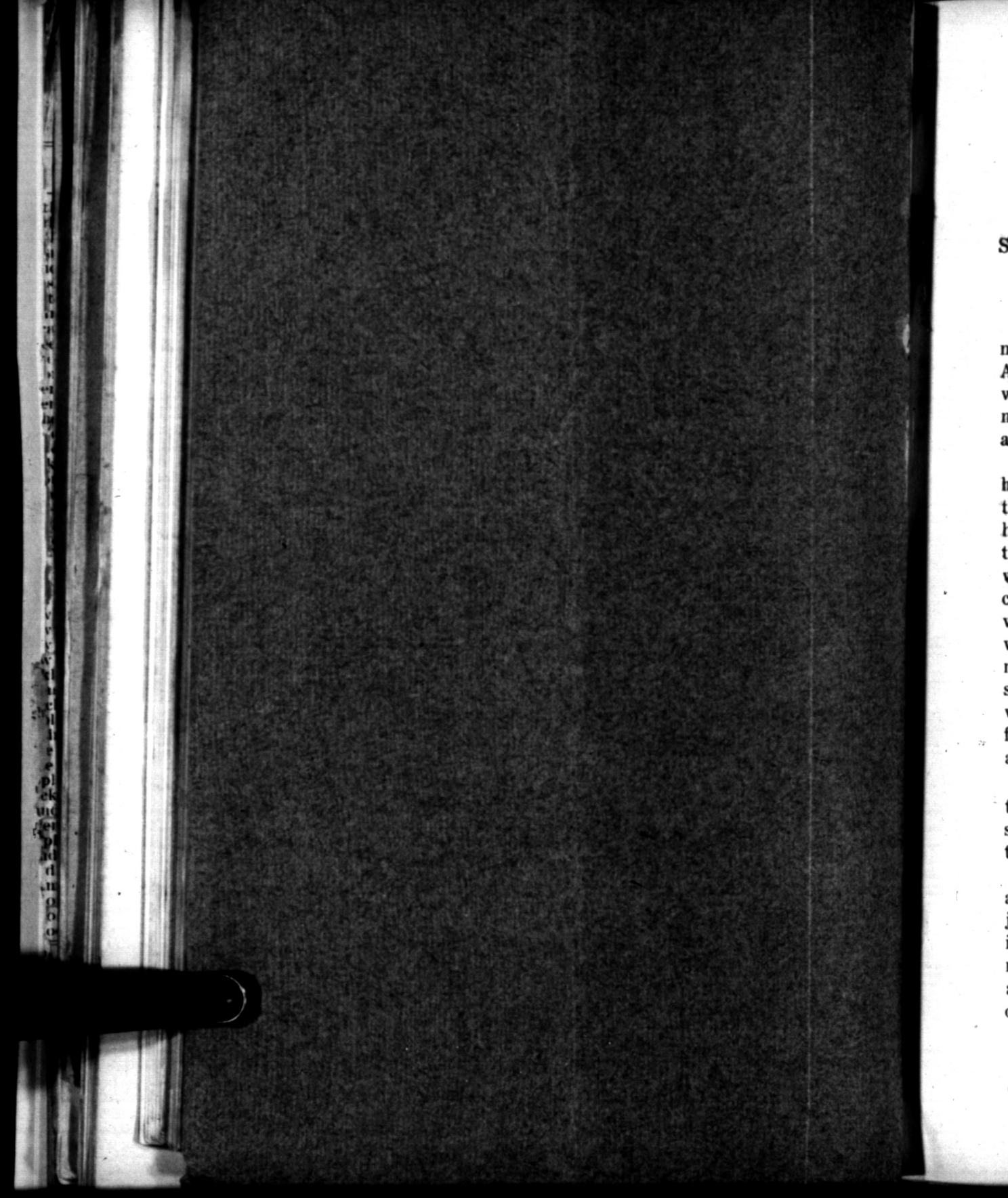
**1913.**

Next place of meeting Pine Bluff Baptist Church, Newton  
County, Mississippi, Saturday before the  
third Lord's Day in September, 1914

**OFFICERS**

E. M. Breland, Moderator, Philadelphia, Miss.; G. P. Clarke,  
Clerk, Decatur, Miss.; J. E. Graham, Treas., Decatur, Miss.

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## STATE OF RELIGION AND FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE CHURCHES.

Dear brethren and sisters: we have, through the mercies of a Divine Providence, been permitted as an Association to meet again, and we are now in session with the Union church. We have had a harmonious meeting, the weather has been ideal, the preaching sound and orthodox. We trust that lasting good has been done.

As regards the State of Religion, there seems to have been no material change since the last meeting of the Association. Now, while this would imply that there has been no decided retrogression, it would also imply that there has been no very marked advancement; and we believe this to be a true statement of the case. Of course there are always those who are faithful, and who perform their duties from a principle of love to Him who redeemed them. In the days of Elijah, even when nearly all Israel and Judah were polluted with the grossest idolatry, the old prophet was assured that there were seven thousand men in the kingdom who were faithful. It was so then, has been ever since that time, and is yet.

This, then is a great source of encouragement, that there are in every church, and in every community, some faithful men and woman who, by their prayers, their examples, and their works are the banner aloft.

But while this is the case, it is a sad fact that there are many whose names are on the church roll, who seem judging from their actions—to take very little, if any, interest in the progress of the cause of Christ in their midst. This is shown by the fact that they allow the affairs of this world to stand between them and their obligations to the church, or rather to their

Savior, whom they have vowed to love and obey. There are many members, who never miss a meeting of a lodge of secret societies to which they belong, who are seldom seen at the conference meeting of their church. It is all right to attend their lodge meetings, but they ought to be consistent, and not place lodges of worldly orders above the Church of Christ.

There are other lines along which improvement might be made; one of which is the habit of late arrival at the church for services: another the course pursued by many in moving to distant localities and neglecting to take their church letters. We think our pastors should warn them of these things sometimes from the pulpit. We think it unfortunate that there is more and more, a tendency to discard the old spiritual songs, so long loved and cherished by the Lord's people, and to adopt the new songs so much in vogue now, and in many of which there is very little spirituality. However, despite some drawbacks, there is room for encouragement, and we should still labor and pray that the Lord would bless His Zion.

G. P. Clarke, Chairman.

## PROCEEDINGS

Of The Seventy-sixth Annual Session of the Mount  
Pisgah Baptist Association.

Union Baptist Church.

Newton County, Miss., September 20, 1913.

At 11 o'clock a. m. the introductory sermon was preached by the appointee, Elder F. M. Breland from 1st. Cor. 3: 11.

Theme, the true foundation, and the importance of rightly building thereon.

The Sermon was able and well delivered, and was much appreciated by the large congregation who heard. After the Sermon, a short interval was spent in partaking of a bountiful repast furnished by the Church and community.

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

After a song, Elder E. W. Breland offered prayer, and the Association was convened in her Seventy Sixth Annual Session by the Moderator, Elder F. M. Breland.

The following Committees were appointed by the Moderator:

To Read Letters:—W. H. Rainer, E. W. Breland, W. J. McMullan.

On Finance—J. K. Jordan, W. R. Moore, S. K. Everett.

On Preaching—Deacons of Union Church, with W. F. Nicholson and J. E. Graham.

The roll of churches was called, and messengers names enrolled. (See table.)

On motion, the same officers were elected by acclamation: Elder F. M. Breland, Moderator, G. P. Clarke,



Clerk, J. E. Graham, Treasurer. The officers elect accepted with thanks.

Petitionary letters called for. Lawrence church, and Liberty church, both in Newton County, presented letters, and being found Orthodox, were received to membership in the Association, and messengers' names enrolled.

Corresponding messengers called for: Dr. J. R. Carter from Baptist Orphanage, Dr. P. I. Lipsey of the Baptist Record, W. W. Rucker from Oktibbeha Association, and—Vaughan from New Liberty, responded, and were seated.

The following committees were appointed, Missions:—F. W. Gunn, E. W. Breland, W. R. Moore.

Education:—R. W. Bryant, W. J. McMullan, Walter Tidwell.

Sunday Schools:—W. L. Collins, C. M. McCraw.

Publications:—H. C. Taylor, C. D. Lindley.

Obituaries:—T. A. Sims, T. L. Gaines, J. A. Smith.

Temperance:—R. K. Cleveland, J. A. Grapton, T. D. Anderson.

State of Religion:—G. P. Clarke, E. W. Breland, H. C. Taylor.

Nominations:—W. T. Cooper, S. K. Everett, T. L. Gaines.

Queries and Requests:—Wm. Yarborough, J. E. Bishop, L. P. Wilson.

Orphanage:—W. H. Rainer, N. W. Fox.

The Committee on preaching made the following report: That Elder Wm. Yarborough preach at the Church tonight at 7:30—Prayer meeting at 10 a. m. tomorrow, led by T. A. Sims.

On motion, ordered, that a collection be taken after each Service tomorrow, one for the Orphanage, and the other for Missions,

On motion agreed to give Dr. J. R. Carter the time from 10:30 to 11 a. m. tomorrow to present the claims of the Orphanage.

On motion agreed to dispense with the preaching Services tomorrow afternoon, and discuss the report on Missions.

Benediction by Dr. J. R. Carter, adjourned to 8:30 a. m. Monday Morning.

### SUNDAY.

Prayer Service was conducted at 10 a. m. by T. A. Sims; a number of brethren participating.

At 10:30 Dr. Carter made an urgent appeal in behalf of the Orphanage. At 11 o'clock Elder W. H. Rainer preached the annual Sermon on Missions from Rom. 1:11 and following verses. Dr. J. R. also preached at the Methodist Church. Both Sermons were able and well delivered. After the Services a bountiful repast was spread by the Church and community. In the afternoon the report on Missions was discussed at length (see appendix for Report.) For Orphanage \$44 90. For Missions, \$13.40.

### MONDAY MORNING.

After a song, the Moderator read the 27th Psalm, and Elder H. O. White offered prayer.

The roll was called and absentees excused.

The Rules of Decorum were read.

Called for letters from Churches not represented on Saturday—no response.

Renewed call for corresponding Messengers.

Elder J. E. Chapman and J. F. Sansing from Bay Springs Association; A. G. Collins from Oktibbeha Association; L. B. Campbell from Copiah Association; and W. E. Holcomb from the State S. S. Board presented themselves, and were seated.

Appointed Corresponding Messengers.

Oktibbeha:—H. C. Taylor, W. T. Cooper, D. M. Stroud; H. O. White, W. L. Collins.

Bay Springs:—G. F. Williams.

General Association:—W. H. Rainer, Wm. Yarborough

J. T. Grafton, H. C. Taylor, E. W. Breland, T. L. Gaines, D. M. Stroud, N. V. Harrison, F. M. Breland, T. A. Sims, W. L. Robinson, J. M. Caldwell.

Report on Missions adopted—A.

Report on Publications read by H. C. Taylor, discussed and adopted—B.

Report on Sunday Schools read by W. E. Holcomb discussed, and adopted—C.

On motion, a special committee, consisting of W. R. Bryant, C. M. McCraw, W. N. McLemore, W. R. Moore and T. A. Sims, was appointed to consider the subject of organizing an Association! Baptists S. S. Convention, discussed at length and adopted—D.

Queries and Requests read by Wm. Yarborough, and adopted—E.

Adjourned for dinner.

#### MONDAY AFTERNOON.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Report on Education read by R. W. Bryant, discussed, and adopted—F.

Obituaries—Read by T. A. Sims and adopted—G.

Finance—Read by W. R. Moore and adopted—H.

Nominations—Read by W. T. Cooper and adopted—I.

State of Religion—Read by G. P. Clarke and adopted (see first page)

Orphanage—Read by W. H. Rainer, and adopted—J.

Report of W. M. U.—Read by C. M. McCraw, and adopted—K.

Special S. S. committee, report read by W. N. McLemore, and adopted—L.

The following resolution was offered by E. W. Breland, and adopted:—Resolved that the Pisgah Association, assembled, pray for the continuation of the General Association, believing it to be for the good of our Master's cause among our village and country Churches.

#### RESOLUTIONS

- 1st. That the clerk be instructed to have the



proceedings of this Meeting printed where he can get the work most neatly and promptly done, paying for same when so done and apporved by him—and that he distribute them among the Churches as soon as possible, drawing on the treasurer for his usual salary, printers fee, and postage, reserving a sufficient number of copies for distribution.

2nd. That all money on hand for the Orphanage be sent direct to the Baptist Orphanage at Jackson, Miss., by the treasurer, and all funds on hand after expenses of this Association have been met, be sent to the General Association.

3rd. That we most heartily tender our sincere thanks to the Union Church, and community at large, for their kind and generous entertainment of the Association during this meeting.

4th. That we now adjourn to meet with the Pine Bluff church, Newton County, Mississippi, on Saturday before the third Lord's day in September, 1914.

A Hymn was sung. Elder J. E. Chapman offered prayer, and thus closed a most harmonious and profitable meeting of the Mt. Pisgah Association.  
G. P. Clarke, Clerk. F. M. Breland, Moderator.

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### MISSIONS

We your Committee on Missions beg leave to submit the following report:

From the reports that come up from the different Mission fields in which we as an association are operating, we are gratified at the progress made during the past year,

We are encouraged to believe that our people are constantly growing in their liberality toward our Mission work. They are getting a clearer view of the command of our Lord, to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature, and are more assiduously addressing themselves to the great task.

In our State Mission work we are strengthening our forces at home as well as reaching and evangelizing the destitute places in our own territory.

We are also cooperating with the State Convention in Home and Foreign Mission work. The reports from these fields are very encouraging.

We see from the reports of 1912 that our State contributed, for State Missions last year about \$34000. For Home Missions about \$28000 and for Foreign Missions about \$41000. Of these amounts the General Association contributed about \$5000, making a total of \$99,000 for all Missions.

The Lord has wonderfully blessed the efforts of our Missionaries. Under the work of our Missionaries in Miss. we have the following: Churches organized 7. Sunday Schools organized 133. Number of persons baptised by our Missionaries 758. Baptised by others where Missionaries labored 902. Like reports came up from the work of our Home and Foreign Missionaries. Thus we have much to encourage us in our work.

We urge all our Churches in the Mt Pisgah Association to greater diligence in Our Master's work since He is so wonderfully blessing our labors.

We are glad to note the receipts of the Foreign Board last Convention year were \$580,408 a gain over the previous year of \$70,400. Of this amount only 5% was used for expenses in Richmond including the Salaries and traveling expenses of all the Secretaries.

One per cent for the W. M. U. work. 3 1-2 per cent for State expenses, 2 1-2 for interest on borrowed money. Both these last items ought to be reduced. Indeed the last one ought to be abolished and it would be, if our Churches would adopt the right method of raising their Foreign Mission money.

Your Committee would urge that our Churches take their collection early in the year and save the paying of interest on borrowed money.

E. W. Breland  
W. R. Moore.

## PUBLICATIONS—B.

We the Committee beg leave to submit the following: We urge that we should read more, and study the Bible in a more systematic way. "We need to study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Then there are helps, which are very important to Bible study. Then there are our denominational papers, as Miss. Baptist, Newton, Miss. The Baptist Record, Jackson, Miss. The Orphanage Gem, Foreign Mission Journal and Home Field and also the Western Recorder, of Louisville, Ky. We also recommend the S. B. C. Literature for our Sunday Schools.

Respectfully Submitted.

H. C. Taylor.

## SUNDAY SCHOOLS—C.

My Brethren: While realizing the importance of detailed information in regard to the work of the Sunday Schools of the Mt. Pisgah Association I beg to submit here only the principles and conditions of this church adjunct and not the details.

We are convinced by all experiences, all labors and all the annals of our Church that the Sunday School is the recruiting station for our members, and the place for first preparing the Soldiers of the Cross.

Our doctrines teaching the simplicity of spiritual religion are founded upon the true interpretation of God's word left us in the inspired writings of the Bible. If we were to neglect the intellectual side of the religion of Jesus Christ, the cause of His Kingdom would suffer, and the Church would ultimately be polluted by the inception of ignorance and paganism, as was the case through the dark ages; and the Church knowing and realizing the result of ignorance in her folds, long since has made arrangements through the organization of her Sunday



Schools to meet the injunction of our blessed Redeemer, "Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they which testify of me;" again how faithful to his loving entreaty, "Suffer little children to come unto Me for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven" is the classes of the school arranged for the young, that are to be brought up in the way they should go, who, when they become old will not depart therefrom. Statistics reveal that there are enough Sunday School scholars in the world to reach around it several times, standing with outstretched hands touching. Now, we are in a progressive country, a professing Christian Country, representing the strong and ever growing Baptist Church, full of the spirit and true to the command to go preach the gospel to the benighted nations perishing for the light of Jesus Christ; we are doing this and how could we give the way to the Light, the Life and the Resurrection unless we ourselves have it.

We may be sometimes so pushed in our duties as pastors that we fail to realize just to what extent we are indebted to the Sunday School work for the present magnificent harvest—including also those of the Mt. Pisgah Association. Never before has this Association had such opportunities, nor such duties, nor such results for the glory of God, and as one primary cause and one blessed means is the Sunday School; never before have they been so well organized and so well attended. It seems true that as is the Sunday School, so is the Church. It means the Church at work in the true spirit.

We are indeed grateful, but not satisfied, as the fields are already white with harvest and countless laborer yet needed.

Let us praise God for the Mt. Pisgah Association, and praise Him for the working forces of His Kingdom through the Sunday Schools of this Association. They are prospering today as never before, and the results will be the glorious fruit of redeemed souls in the near future.

As in all other institutions, much can be gained and great things accomplished by the adoption of system—systematic methods, backed up by spiritual workers and Christian prayers.

When the Mt. Pisgah Association shall have attained its full growth, it must have every layman and every member in the harness at work in some way for the enlightenment of future ages through means of the Sunday Schools, working intelligently and spiritually for the winning of souls and the upbuilding of the Master's Kingdom.

In conclusion we, as your committee, with a view to the furthering of God's work in the Bible Schools of our Association, respectfully recommend the immediate organization of our Associational Baptist Sunday School Convention. The object of this convention shall be to promote the general effectiveness of our work as Baptists, and is not recommended in a spirit of hostility to any organization or convention now in existence.

Respectfully Submitted.

W. L. COLLINS, Chairman.

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#### TEMPERANCE—D.

Dear brethren: We come to you with this, our report on temperance in the 76th session of this body. We come with nothing new upon the subject, but recite some of the reasons why we should wage war against the illicit sale and drinking of intoxicants. We are commanded in the word of God to be temperate in all things, but the attempt to be temperate in the partaking of intoxicants is sure to result in intemperance. I may be intemperate in other things and it do my neighbor, my associates and my companion no harm—but when I touch,

taste, or handle unclean things I will do my neighbor harm and strike the one sitting to my right or left. We must fight this evil forever. The fight against this destroyer is like riding a bicycle—one must keep going or get off. The blind tiger is still in our midst; he is not dead, only sulking, and in some places is almost open and defiant. If we do not drive him he will come after us. Your committee feel that the drinking of intoxicants should not be countenanced in any one and especially in public officials. It is impossible for the man upon the bench, from whose hands justice is to be dispensed, to drink intoxicants and fulfill his duties to the people. Intoxication dethrones reason and judgment, and renders one a brute and unfit for anything.

Again, what is the course of the liquor men?

They seek to control town and county elections in their interest, and in some instances even resort to black-listing, boycotting and miscounting to carry their men and measures. Secret and confidential caucuses and councils are held in order that their forces may be enlisted and very often it is almost impossible to prosecute the lawless.

Dear brethren; by the grace of God may we come up to his help in protecting the morals of our country, the welfare of our homes, and leave behind us that "well done, thou faithful servant."

R. K. Cleveland.

#### QUERIES AND REQUESTS—E.

We, your committee on queries and requests, report as follows:

We find three requests for the next session of the association—Pine Bluff, Pleasant Ridge, and Hope. We recommend that the next session of the body be held with Pine Bluff church.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. Yarborough. Chairman.



### EDUCATION—F.

Education is development of all the powers and capacities of the human body, head and heart. True education is that training which makes men and women strong and efficient, and he is best educated who has the sum of all his aptitudes developed in the highest degree. That training which developes one element of one's strength to the neglect of other elements whose powers God hath need of, is a false and inadequate education.

This all-round training the institutions of public education cannot give. Men and women of all shades and of no shades of religious persuasion help to support the public schools. And when a Jew pays taxes to support a school, he will claim it an injustice and an outrage to teach his children things he believes are false. The law-makers of the state have said the Jew, infidel, and Roman Catholic are right in their demands that state public instruction be strictly secular.

Just at this point arises the need of our denominational school. We must have schools where the beliefs and principles peculiar to us may be inculcated into the minds and hearts of our youth. We must have schools wherein specific religious instruction shall develop and strengthen the souls of the future leaders of our denominational thought.

We commend to Baptists within the bounds of of this association our college for men at Clinton, our College for women at Hattiesburg, and Clarke Memorial College for men and women at Newton.

R. W. Bryant,  
Chairman.

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### OBITUARIES—G.

Your Committee on Obituaries report the following:

We find that in the past Associational year God

has called from among us the folloing brethren and sisters. Brethren E. L. Gross, B. F. Graham, Joe Sadler, J. L. Harris. A. T. Coolidge, Richard Thomas. Sisters M. M. Harrison, Mattie Huey, Rachel McMullan, Emily A. Clarke, Caroline Brand, S. E. Brown, Ida Fergeson, M. A. Gice, Sallie Moore, Rocksey Sercy, E. E. McMullan, Mary Gordon, Lizzie Johnston, Lucy Abney, Lucy Walton, Flora Cloud, Martha Andrews, Susan M. Beasley, Bettie Goold, Cannie Giles.

May the God of all grace comfort the bereaved and help them to rejoice in the hope of meeting their loved ones in a better day, beyond the skies.

Submitted,

T. A. Sims

### FINANCE—H.

Your committee on Finance submit the following:

Associational fund	\$74 60
Missions	13 40
Orphanage	44 90
Balance on hand	1 04
Total	\$133 94

We have examined the Treasurer's report and find that he has disbursed the following amounts:

General Association	\$40 00
Printing of Minutes	56 80
Orphanage	24 55
Clerk's fee	20 00
Board Meeting	7 00
Total	\$148 35

Submitted,

W. R. Moore.

## NOMINATIONS—I

We, the committee on nominations submit the following:

That Bro. W. L. Collins preach the next introductory sermon and Bro. H. C. Taylor his alternate. Bro. R. K. Cleveland to preach the next annual sermon on missions and Bro. F. W. Gunn his alternate.

W. T. Cooper,  
Chairman.

## ORPHANAGE—J.

The Mississippi Baptist Orphanage, was founded 16 years ago, in response to what seems clearly to have been a divine call. Many and pleading were the cries of helpless, homeless orphan children ere this; but no denominational hand had been held out to their help, until Rev. L. S. Foster, of Senatobia brought the matter of establishing an orphanage before the denomination. Our people following the example of M<sup>rs</sup>. Lou H. Moore, began to respond with their means, and soon the work of sheltering, feeding and clothing orphan children was commenced. In the 16 years, since the home was founded, about 600 children have received care and training for a longer or shorter time. Of these, many have gone out to build homes for themselves, others to fill positions of usefulness; and at present, there are about 225 to 230, all the while, who must be fed and clothed and trained for usefulness.

Brethren, these are our charges. Their cries are unto God's people. These are our Lord's little ones, and Jesus said. "In as much as Ye did it unto the least of these Ye did it unto me." Our board of trustees, at its last meeting, authorized the purchase of additional lands, to which our larger boys are to be transferred for additional training and larger usefulness. Early in the Spring a beautiful

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tract of 300 acres, 12 miles south of Jackson one mile west of Florence, was purchased at \$15.00 per acre. Our Superintendent and ten boys, began farming operations soon after its purchase, and they report a splendid crop. We are sure, that when properly developed, it will not only be self sustaining; but will be a source of income, to our Home in Jackson where our girls and smaller boys will continue to be cared for. Remember that it costs \$5.00 per month to support one of these children in the Orphanage, besides what is sent in, in the way of clothing etc.

We would recommend that each Sunday School, or Church in the Association undertake the support of one of these children, contributing regularly five dollars a month. We would also urge, that boxes of clothing, shoes, stockings, bed clothing of all kinds, especially, sheets and pillow cases, towels, soap, pens, needles, tablets, pencils, and good books of all kinds, be made up by our churches, Sunday Schools and L. A. S. and shipped to Rev. J. R. Carter Jackson Miss. putting the name of church or society on box. Let our people all rally to our Orphanage, with our prayers, and our means, and God will bless us.

Read by W. H. Rainer.

#### WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION—K.

We, your committee, are pleased to report progress in the W. M. U. work in our association. The women are waking up to their responsibility to their Master as never before.

We urge that our pastors insist on having a W. M. U. in every church, and that they lend their aid, prayers, and sympathy for the encouragement and instruction of these noble women.

The statistics show that the Unions now organized are doing good work; we find that they have given far all purposes during the year, \$3.99 per capita.



We also recommend that Miss Ora Lewis, who has been nominated by the Unions of the Mt. Pisgah Association be elected by this body.

Respectfully submitted.

C. M. McCraw,

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### SPECIAL REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS—L.

We recommend that the Churches and Sunday Schools of the Mt. Pisgah Association cooperate with and send delegates to the Baptist State Sunday School Convention, which meets at Newton, Miss., April 7th, 1914, looking toward the organization of County Baptist Sunday School Conventions in every County in the State.

Respectfully submitted.

R. W. Bryant, Chairman.

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### ORDAINED MINISTERS.

R. K. Cleveland,	Decatur
H. O. White,	Decatur
F. W. Gunn,	Hickory
F. M. Breland,	Philadelphia
D. M. Stroud,	Lake
W. H. Rainer,	Union
Joe Rushing	Harperville
H. C. Taylor,	Union
W. L. Grafton	Union
S. W. Johnson,	Union
D. B. Cannon,	Philadelphia
J. S. Laird	Decatur
G. M. May	Decatur
Wm. Yarborough,	Lawrence
E. W. Breland,	Hayes

W. L. Collins,	Union
R. W. Bryant,	Union
W. B. Hammond,	Lawrence
Licentiates	
T. A. Sims,	Decatur
J. M. Williams,	Hickory
T. I. Bryant,	Conehatta
Ed. Red,	Union
J. G. Giles	Chunky
G. W. Brantley,	Madden

#### RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The Association shall consist of delegates chosen by the churches to which they respectively belong, and shall be styled the Mt. Pisgah Association.
2. Such delegates shall be members in good standing, and no member under church censure shall be allowed a seat in the Association.
3. They shall produce letters certifying their appointment by their respective churches, and stating the number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and deceased, during the preceding Association year, with the total number in fellowship, and such other statistical matters as the Association may direct.
4. This Association shall have a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by a majority of the members present, by ballot or otherwise. Said officers shall fill their respective places, if present, at the succeeding Association, until a new election takes place, and while in office, shall discharge the duties ordinarily incidental to those offices. Provided that no one shall hold the office of Moderator for more than four consecutive terms.

5. If new churches desire to be admitted into the Association, they shall petition by letter and delegates, and if orthodox and orderly, shall be received, and the Moderator shall recognize them by giving their delegates the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the body.

7. Every church shall be allowed two delegates and no more until her number shall be one hundred—three until it shall exceed one hundred and fifty, then four and no more.

7. The Association shall neither answer or debate any query on Gospel doctrine, except it be merely to explain of the Articles of Faith of this Association.

8. Every motion made in order and seconded, shall be reduced to writing if requested by any member, and shall be considered by the Association except withdrawn by the mover before discussion.

9. Motion made and lost, shall not be recorded on the minutes unless so ordered at the time.

10. If any proposition or motion under debate contain two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken on each point separately.

11. Only one member shall speak at the same time, who shall arise from his seat and address the Moderator. He shall confine himself to the subject properly in debate, cast no reflection on the Association, or any member thereof and shall not be interrupted while speaking.

12. No person shall speak more than once upon the same subject till all may desire to speak thereon have enjoyed that privilege, and not then without leave of the Association.

13. The Moderator shall have the privilege of speaking on any question to the body.

14. The Moderator shall decide questions of order, but an appeal from such decision may be taken to the whole body, which shall be declared without debate.

15. A majority of the members present shall be necessary to carry any motion or proposition, and the Moderator shall vote as any other member when the question is taken; and in case of a tie, the question shall again be put to the Association, and if not then decided, the Moderator shall then proceed to decide the matter in controversy by lot.

16. Committees shall be nominated by the Moderator subject to the approval of the Association.

17. There shall be no talking or whispering while a brother is speaking.

18. No brother shall finally depart from the Association without leave of the body.

19. The names of the delegates shall be enrolled by Clerk and called over when necessary.

20. The minutes shall be read and carefully corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

21. A motion of final adjournment shall be constructed to involve the previous reading and adjustment of the minutes.

22. The Association shall be opened by prayer.

23. The Rules of Order shall be distinctly read by order from the Moderator, as soon as the Association convenes on Monday.

24. The foregoing Articles shall be subjected to alteration or amendment by any regular meeting of the Association by a majority of the Association.

#### ABSTRACTS OF FAITH—Preamble.

We the churches of Jesus Christ, who have been regularly baptized upon the profession of our faith, and convinced of the utility of maintaining a correspondence for the preserving of union amongst churches of the same faith form of our selves into an Association upon the following principles viz:



1. We believe in one Triune God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence equal in power and and glory.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament were given by the inspiration of God, and are the only rules of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the fall of Adam from his original rectitude, and in him, all his posterity in consequence of which, we inherit a fallen and depraved nature, consequently the scriptural doctrine of the total depravity of human nature, and of man's inability to restore himself into the favor of God.

4. We believe that God hath loved His people with an everlasting love, that He chose them in Christ before the foundation of the world, that He calleth them with a holy and effectual calling and being justified alone through the righteousness of Christ, imputed to them, are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

5. We believe there is one Mediator between God and man—The man Jesus—who, by the satisfaction He made to the law and justice, in becoming an offspring for sin, hath, by His most precious blood, become the end of righteousness to everyone that believeth.

6. We believe that the Gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the truth—that He has commanded it to be preached to every creature and required all men to repent, believe and obey.

7. We believe that the Gospel is made effectual by the operation of the Holy Spirit, and that the sinner, in order to be saved must be born again.

8. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith and follow after justification, and are evidences of a gracious state, and all believers are bound to obey every command of God from a principle of love.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, a general judgment and the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

## GOSPEL ORDER.

1. We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of persons who have been baptised upon a profession of their faith, and who have given themselves to our Lord, and to one another in brotherly covenant to keep up a Godly discipline agreeable to the teaching of the New Testament.
2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only Head and Lawgiver of His church; that the government is with the body, the church, and has equally the right and privilege of each member thereof.
3. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are Gospel ordinances, appointed by Jesus Christ; and are to be continued in the church until His second coming.
4. We believe that the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper are properly administered only by ministers called of God and set apart to the work by the imposition of hands by a Presbytery of Regular Baptist ministers.
5. We believe that immersion only is Baptism, and that believers in Christ are the only proper subjects.
6. We believe that none but regularly baptized church members have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.
7. We believe that it is the duty and privilege of all believers to make a public profession of the faith, to submit to the ordinances of the Gospel and give themselves as members to the visible church.
8. We believe it to be the duty of every church to expel from her communion every member that is immoral in conduct, or that holds doctrine contrary to the Scriptures.

## OBJECTS AND POWERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION.

1. This Association acknowledges and maintains that each church is an independent body and possesses the sole right to exercise and control its own affairs; and therefore this Association has no right or power to interfere with the internal rights and privileges of churches composing its body, but may withdraw from any church which may hold false doctrine, or tolerate immoral practice.

2. The objects of this Association shall be to promote fellowship and harmony among the churches; to inquire into any difficulties between the churches, and remove them if possible; to give the churches the best advice they can in difficult matters, when solicited, and, in general, to advance the interest of the Redeemer's kingdom in any way they may deem practical.

3. With regard to the benevolent institutions in our country, we desire it to be the inalienable right of every Association, of every church, of every individual member of a church, to support them according to their own views of duty and dictates of their consciences; and the right shall never be called in question in this Association. And any motion whereby the right is called in question shall instantly be ruled out by the Moderator, as being unconstitutional.

4. This Association may maintain a friendly correspondence, when convenient, with other religious bodies of the same faith.

5. Ministers of the Gospel in good standing, though not delegates, may be invited to seats in the Association, but not to have the privilege of voting.

6. The Association may appoint any person or persons by and with their consent, to transact any business they may deem necessary.

7. The Association may adjourn to any time and place they think proper.

8. The Association shall keep a record of their proceedings, and have them printed when necessary.

9. The Association shall have a fund, and appoint a treasurer to take charge of it, who shall account to the Association for all moneys which shall come into his hands for the use of the Association.

10. The Association shall form their own By-laws and regulate their own proceeding in such a manner as they may think expedient.



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### CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES TO WRITE REPORTS FOR NEXT SESSION OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Missions .....	W. H. Rainer
Temperance .....	W. J. McMullan
Education .....	R. K. Cleveland
Sabbath Schools .....	W. L. Collins
Publications .....	E. W. Breland
Orphanage .....	H. C. Taylor
Obituaries .....	Wm. Yarborough
State of Religion .....	G. P. Clark

### SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES	COUNTY.	No. of Pupils	No. of Teachers.	Col. of Literature.
Beulah .....	Newton .....	60	5	Baptist
Bluff Springs .....	Neshoba .....	68	4	Baptist
County Line .....	Neshoba .....	25		Baptist
Chunky .....	Newton .....	70	6	Baptist
Decatur .....	Newton .....	42	5	Baptist
Dixon .....	Neshoba .....	65	4	Baptist
Hickory .....	Newton .....	120	8	Baptist
Hazel .....	Newton .....	85	4	Union
Hope .....	Neshoba .....	95	6	Baptist
Mt. Sinai .....	Neshoba .....	75	5	Baptist
Midway .....	Newton .....	35	3	Baptist
Mt. Pleasant .....	Newton .....	22	4	Baptist
Neshoba .....	Neshoba .....	145	7	Baptist
New Providence .....	Newton .....	40	4	Baptist
Pleasant Ridge .....	Newton .....	40	4	Baptist
Salem .....	Scott .....	30	3	Union
Sulphur Springs .....	Scott .....	32	3	Union
Stratton .....	Newton .....	60	5	Union
Union .....	Scott .....	---	5	Baptist
Union .....	Newton .....	220	13	Baptist

# TABLE OF MESSENGERS.

CHURCHES.	County.	Post Office.	NAMES OF MESSENGERS.
Beulah	Newton	Decatur	H. O. White, T. A. Sims, R. K. Cleveland, J. E. Graham,
Bluff Springs	Neshoba	Union	J. A. Smith, G. W. Tidwell,
Beat Line	Newton	Decatur	G. A. Leach, Frank Edmonds
County Line	Neshoba	Union	W. J. Cooper, J. B. Edmonds
Center Ridge	Newton	Battlefield	L. H. Wells, J. S. Wells
Cross Roads	Newton	Decatur	J. C. Russell
Chunky	Newton	Chunky	T. J. Smith, T. J. Reynolds, W. F. Buckley
Decatur	Newton	Decatur	T. L. Gaines, J. K. Jordan, G. P. Clarke
Dixon	Neshoba	Union, R. 1	W. T. Lewis, Joe Germany
Ebenezer	Newton	Lawrence	T. J. Bounds
Ebenezer	Neshoba	Dixon R. 2	Roy Walton, Oscar McKey
Ephesus	Scott	Forest	B. A. Myers, F. Rizer
Good Hope	Scott	Lake	J. L. Graham, Robert Gordy
Good Hope	Newton	Hickory	S. W. Monroe
Hopewell	Newton	Battlefield	J. W. Williams, W. H. Harrison
Hickory	Newton	Hickory	J. L. Henton
Hazel	Newton	Lake	J. B. Stewart, W. D. Morgan
Hebron	Newton	Decatur	J. S. Laird, Elby White
Hope	Neshoba	Philadelphia	J. A. Grafton, Vadie White
Liberty	Newton	Battlefield	A. L. Scott

Hebron	Newton	Decatur	J. S. Laird, Elby White
Hope	Neshoba	Philadelphia	J. A. Grafton, Vadie White
Liberty	Newton	Battlefield	A. L. Scott
Lawrence	Newton	Lawrence	Wm. Yarbrough, G. F. Williams
Mt. Sinai	Neshoba	Philadelphia	F. M. Breland, N. M. Fox
Midway	Newton	Newton	W. J. McMullan
Mt. Pleasant	Newton	Hickory	B. F. James, Henry Blackman
New Prospect	Newton	Dixon	J. T. Savell, A. Walton
Neshoba	Neshoba	Neshoba	L. P. Wilson, J. A. Thomas, C. M. McCraw, W. T. Cooper
New Providence	Newton	Chunky	C. D. Lindley
New Ireland	Newton	Union	T. D. Gordon, J. H. Germany
Oakland	Newton	Hickory	C. O. Reynolds, E. L. Searcy
Pinckney	Newton	Union	Mack Stamper, Virgil Gordon
Pine Bluff	Newton	Decatur	S. K. Everett, A. M. Volentine
Pine Ridge	Newton	Lawrence	N. V. Harrison, D. M. Stroud
Poplar	Newton	Conehatta	L. F. Milling, B. F. Coats
Pleasant Ridge	Newton	Chunky	J. M. Caldwell, W. L. Robinson
Pleasant Hill	Newton	Conehatta	A. J. Nichols, J. E. Bishop
Rock Branch	Newton	Union	W. H. Rainer, W. F. Nicholson
Salem	Scott	Forest	J. F. Lay
Sulpher Springs	Scott	Conehatta	T. D. Anderson, E. W. Breland
Sand Springs	Newton	Hickory	Not represented
Stratton	Newton	Stratton	S. A. Gordon, A. C. Dawson
Sardis	Scott	Dixon	J. H. Finley, G. W. Brantley
Union	Scott	Harperville	W. C. Townsend, R. M. Beesley
Union	Newton	Union	W. L. Collins, H. C. Taylor, W. R. Moore

# STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.		County.	Baptized	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Dead	Male	Female	Colored	Total	No. Minutes.	Associational Fund	Old Ministers	Licentiates.	PASTOR.
Beulah	Newton	4	3			7	5	2	60	98	1	160	30	3.00	2	1	G. W. Breland
Bluff Springs	Neshoba	5	2			4		1	23	32		55	20	2.00			R. W. Bryant
Beat L'ne	Newton								21	18		39	10	1.00			H. C. Taylor
County Line	Neshoba					4			20	29		49	10	1.00			R. W. Bryant
Center Ridge	Newton	3	1			1			27	27		54	15	1.50			H. C. Taylor
Cross Roads	Newton	3	1						16	16		32	10	1.00			Wm. Yarbrough
Chunky	Newton	3	3			2		1	71	85		156	30	4.00			
Decatur	Newton	6	3			1		4	101	130		231	40	4.00			F. M. Breland
Dixon	Neshoba					2			21	17		38	15	1.50	1		R. W. Bryant
Ebenezer	Newton					2		1	23	39		62	12	1.20	1		J. H. Satterfield
Ebenezer	Neshoba	1				1		1	21	29		50	15	1.50			H. C. Taylor
Ephesus	Scott					3			17	32		49	12	1.20			G. M. May
Good Hope	Scott		2			4			27	38		65	20	2.00			G. M. May
Good Hope	Newton	1				3			23	29		52	10	1.00			Z. K. Gilmore
Hopewell	Newton					1		1				102	20	2.00			J. S. Laird
Hickory	Newton					2		2	55	75		130	20	2.00	1		R. A. Venable
Hazel	Newton		2					2	39	60		99	20	2.00			R. L. Breland
Hebron	Newton	3	2						38	40		78	17	1.70			W. H. Rainer
Hope	Neshoba	13	5			2			25	39		64	25	3.00			J. H. Steine
Liberty	Newton											10	5	.50			J. S. Laird



Lawrence	2	7	2	1	2	39	60	99	R. L. Breland
Mt. Sinai	6	1	6	1	2	39	29	20	W. H. Rainer
Midway	10	1	10	4	2	38	34	17	J. H. Steine
Mt. Pleasant	3	3	3	3	2	25	43	12	J. S. Laird
New Prospect	7	7	7	3	2	25	39	18	
Neshoba	1	1	1	3	2	87	99	20	
New Providence	1	3	1	4	2	13	17	30	
New Ireland	1	3	1	1	2	37	45	7	
Oakland	2	5	2	1	1	23	48	20	
Pinckney	2	5	2	1	3	26	40	15	
Pine Bluff	2	2	2	7	1	20	47	7	
Pine Ridge	2	2	2	9	2	9	10	15	
Poplar	8	8	8	2	21	28	28	10	
Pleasant Ridge	4	2	4	15	24	45	45	25	
Pleasant Hill	6	20	6	6	73	75	75	16	
Rock Branch	1	1	1	2	35	45	45	25	
Salem	4	7	4	1	19	17	17	15	
Sulphur Springs	11	7	11	2	43	54	54	9	
Stratton	13	1	13	2	25	26	26	15	
Sardis	9	12	9	1	16	37	37	15	
Sand Springs	9	12	9	1	25	30	30	20	
Union	9	12	9	1	37	52	52	30	
Union	9	12	9	1	103	119	119	30	

Lawrence	2	7	2	1	2	39	60	99	R. L. Breland
Mt. Sinai	6	1	6	1	2	39	29	20	W. H. Rainer
Midway	10	1	10	4	2	38	34	17	Wm. Yarbrough
Mt. Pleasant	3	3	3	3	2	25	43	12	F. W. Gunn
New Prospect	7	7	7	3	2	25	39	18	W. H. Davis
Neshoba	1	1	1	4	2	87	99	20	R. L. Breland
New Providence	1	3	1	1	2	13	17	30	D. A. Covington
New Ireland	1	3	1	1	2	37	45	7	W. L. Collins
Oakland	2	5	2	1	1	23	48	20	J. F. Sansing
Pinckney	2	5	2	1	3	26	40	15	J. F. Sansing
Pine Bluff	2	2	2	7	1	20	47	7	E. A. Phillips
Pine Ridge	2	2	2	9	2	9	10	15	J. H. Satterfield
Poplar	8	8	8	2	21	28	28	10	G. M. May
Pleasant Ridge	4	2	4	15	24	45	45	25	Z. K. Gilmore
Pleasant Hill	6	20	6	6	73	75	75	16	R. L. Breland
Rock Branch	1	1	1	2	35	45	45	25	R. W. Bryant
Salem	4	7	4	1	19	17	17	15	J. F. Sansing
Sulphur Springs	11	7	11	2	43	54	54	9	W. L. Collins
Stratton	13	1	13	2	25	26	26	15	J. H. Hooks
Sardis	9	12	9	1	16	37	37	15	H. C. Taylor
Sand Springs	9	12	9	1	25	30	30	20	Last years statistics
Union	9	12	9	1	37	52	52	30	J. F. Sansing
Union	9	12	9	1	103	119	119	30	R. W. Bryant

# FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	County.	Missions	Orphanage	Ministerial	Aid	Building and Repairing	Pastor's Salary	Other Purposes	Total	Value of Church Property
Beulah	Newton	\$16 60	\$4 00	\$		\$1000.	\$80 00		1100 90	\$1500 00
Bluff Springs	Neshoba	5 00		26 00			75 00		106 00	
County Line	Neshoba	17 25	6 20						23 75	
Center Ridge	Newton						60 00		60 00	
Cross Roads	Newton		4 00				36 00		40 00	500 00
Chunky	Newton		19 00	92 00			200 00	4 00	315 00	
Decatur	Newton	47 55	5 88				147 55	41 00	245 88	
Dixon	Neshoba	11 00					75 00		86 00	500 00
Good Hope	Scott									
Good Hope	Newton		20 00	11 00					31 00	
Hickory	Newton	110 00		50 00			250 00		410 00	1000
Hazel	Newton	11 00						20 00	31 00	
Hebron	Newton					70			70 00	800 00
Hope	Neshoba	13 76	9 00	28 65		7 65			59 06	800 00
Mt. Sinai	Neshoba	25 00		10 00			65 00	10 00	110 00	500 00
Midway	Newton	7 90		12 50			50 00	4 60	75 00	500 00
Mt. Pleasant	Newton	20 00	5 15	15 00			100 20	2 40	143 75	750 00
New Prospect	Newton			4 50					4 50	400 00
Neshoba	Neshoba	132 07	25 00			75 00	175 00	25 00	432 07	1275 00
New Providence	Newton						60 00		60 00	
Oakland	Newton						75 00		75 00	500 00
Pinckney	Newton	19 25		13 65			71 00	2 25	116 15	500 00
Pine Bluff	Newton			12 00		10 00			12 00	
Pleasant Ridge	Newton			15 75					100 10	665 00
Pleasant Hill	Newton	61 45	5 15	13 30			124 80	7 00	199 55	400 00
Rock Branch	Newton	59 40		8 51		14 80	75 00		157 17	
Salem	Scott	5 00				250 00	70 00	15 00	140 00	800 00
Sulphur Springs	Scott	2 50	11 90	15 45			66 55	6 35	100 25	800 00
Stratton	Newton	64 25		52 90		85 00	65 00		83 40	500 00
Union	Newton						500 00	65 00	714 25	3500 00

Pine Bluff	Newton	19 25	13 65	10 00	71 00	2 25	116 15	500 00
Pleasant Ridge	Newton		12 00				12 00	500 00
Pleasant Hill	Newton	5 15	15 75			7 00	100 10	665 00
Rock Branch	Newton	61 45	13 30		124 80		199 55	400 00
Salem	Scott	59 40	8 51	14 80	75 00		157 17	
Sulpher Springs	Scott	5 00		250 00	70 00	15 00	140 00	800 00
Stratton	Newton	2 50	11 90		66 55	6 35	100 25	800 00
Union	Newton	64 25	52 90	85 00	500 00	65 00	714 25	500 00
								3500 00

STATISTICS OF MT. PISGAH ASSOCIATION W. M. U's FROM SEPT. 1912 TO SEPT. 1913.

NAME OF W. M. U.	No members in W. M. U.	State Missions.	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Home Uses	Orphanage	Hospital	Old Ministers Relief	Box to Min.	Students	Ministerial Education	Margaret Home	Tr. Sch. Enlargement	Tr. Sch. Support	Tr. Sch. Pupil.	Box to Frontier	March week of Prayer	Christmas Offering.
Beulah	20				24.00	5.00												
Union, Newton Co	27	3.00	3.15	6.15	104.	32.00											1.25	1.70
Union, Scott Co	20		8.00															
Neshoba	18		5.50	5.50	35.00	16.15												
Bluff Springs	8				76.00													
Hickory																		
Decatur																		
Hope																		
Total		3.00	16.65	11.65	239.	65.65											1.25	1.70

Miss Ora M. Lewis, Vice President.

